

In the Specification:

Please amend page 54, lines 14-16, as follows:

The ability of the *hpa* gene product to catalyze degradation of heparan sulfate in an *in vitro* assay was examined by expressing the entire open reading frame in insect cells, using the Baculovirus expression system. Insect cells are known to produce proteins free of PAI1 (type 1 plasminogen activator inhibitor).